

**ORDER NO. 01-15-03**  
**AREA AND ROAD CLOSURE**  
**ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited on the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument within the Angeles National Forest. This Order is effective from October 29, 2015 through August 22, 2016.

1. Being within 2500 feet of State Route 39 (San Gabriel Canyon Road) from mile marker 28.35, then north to mile marker 30.80, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System road within 2500 feet of State Route 39 (San Gabriel Canyon Road) from mile marker 28.35, then north to mile marker 30.80, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(e).

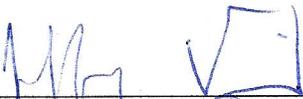
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions contained in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581.

Done at Arcadia, California, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
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Jeffrey Vail  
Forest Supervisor  
Angeles National Forest  
San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

This Order supersedes Order No. 01-15-02, dated August 21, 2015.



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**Date** October 29, 2015

**TO:** File

**FROM:** Jeffrey Vail/Forest Supervisor *JV*

**SUBJECT:** FOREST ORDER NO. 01-15-03/Cabin Fire Area Emergency Closure

It is my decision to issue a Forest Order authorizing the temporary closure of a portion of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in the Cabin Fire burn area and adjacent locations. Forest Order No. 01-15-03 prohibits being within 2500 feet of State Route 39 (San Gabriel Canyon Road) from mile marker 28.35 then north to mile marker 30.80. The section of Hwy 39 that goes through the Closure Area will be open to the public. Coldbrook Campground and Crystal Lake Campground and related facilities will be open to the public. The public is advised that they may not leave Hwy 39 within the Closure Area to park or engage in dispersed recreation activities (no picnicking or remote camping, hiking, etc). This order will be in effect until August 22, 2016.

The public is also cautioned that debris from the fire area may create slides and hazards on the road and users must proceed with caution. These restrictions are necessary to address resource protection, protection of public and private property, and public health and safety concerns related to the fire. The order will also serve to protect forest resources and critical watersheds within the fire area.

There is a need for this action because human life, property, and resource values are threatened due to a wildfire that originated on August 14, 2015. The fire has been controlled at approximately 1723 acres. Fire hazards have been identified and pose a threat to public safety as the road system within the burn area is narrow and hazardous. Additionally, there are numerous natural hazards created by the fire, such as tree snags, stubs, root holes that have been created by roots burning beneath the surface of the soil, etc. The fire also burned three (3) structures permitted on Forest Service land resulting in hazmat concerns.

An additional threat to public safety created by this fire is flash flooding caused by loss of vegetation and exposed soils. This area has historically had severe monsoonal thunderstorms that result in some flash flooding and the loss of vegetative resources increases the probability of severe flash flooding and/or mud flows.

In addition to the public health and safety aspect of the Cabin Fire there are numerous archeological, historical, and culturally relevant sites that have been exposed by the fire. Many of these sites are cataloged; however, numerous other sites, now exposed by the fire have not yet been surveyed. The topography of the area is steep with sensitive soils. The topography combined with sensitive soils invite erosion when traversed by either mechanical means or by primitive means.

This Closure is felt to be the most immediate and effective method to reduce the potential for loss of life, and loss of significant physical, and cultural resource values on the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.



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This order includes an exemption for persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. All requests for a permit authorized by this exemption will be submitted to the District Ranger, at San Gabriel River Ranger Station, Glendora, CA. The criteria for granting written authorization for access to the Cabin Fire Closure Area will be as follows:

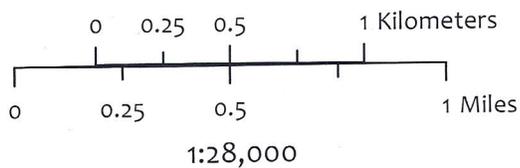
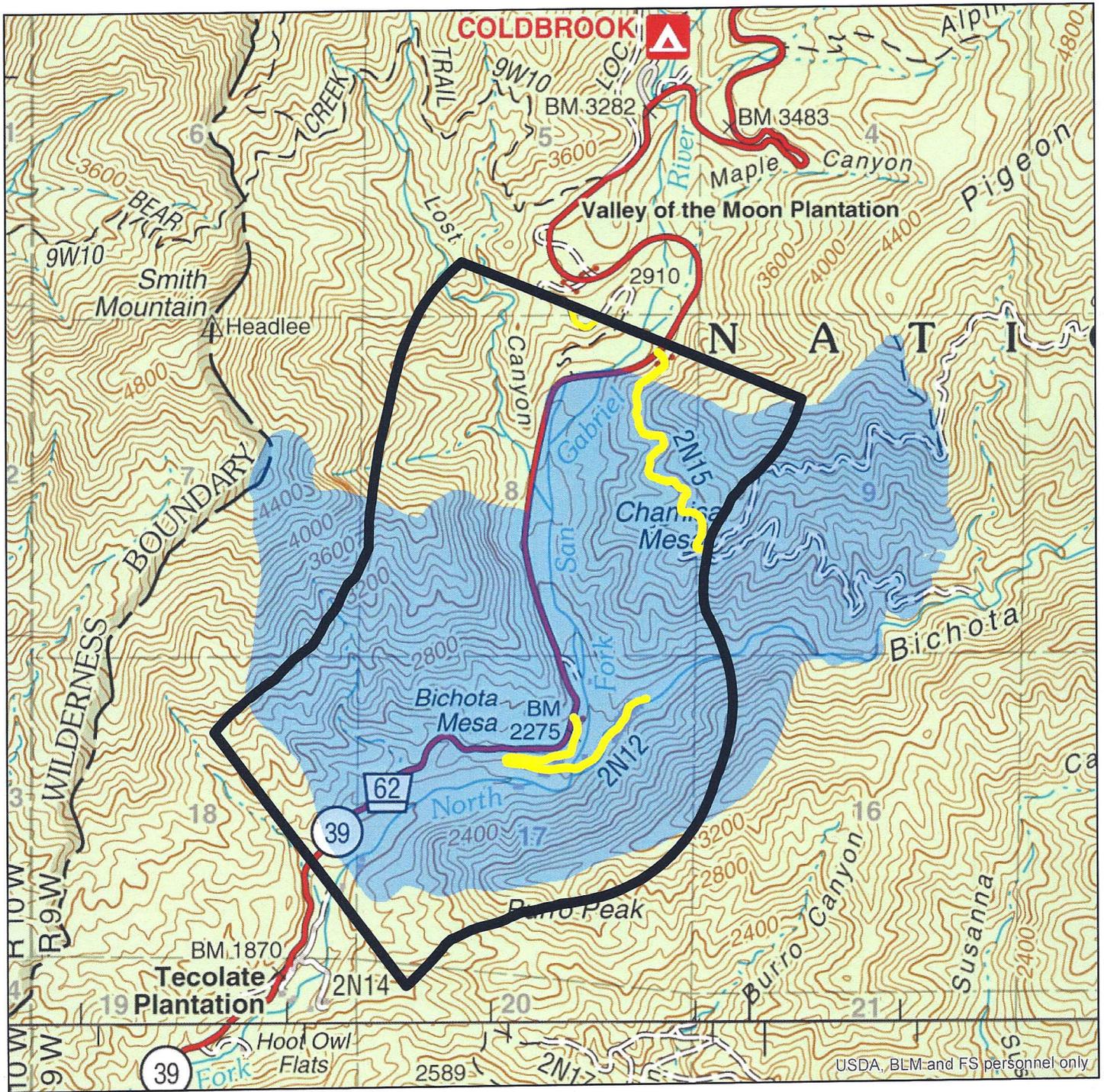
1. The applicant must provide a reasonable explanation for the need to access the closed area,
2. The applicant must possess personal protective equipment appropriate for the dangers present in the area to which access is requested,
3. The applicant must understand and accept the risk of entering the closed area,
4. I or my delegate must determine that the risk to personal health and safety is reasonable considering the circumstances of the request.

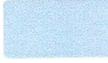
Written authorization may allow access to only a circumscribed portion of the closed area. If I or Deputy Forest Supervisor, Daniel Lovato, is unavailable at the time a request is received, I hereby grant San Gabriel River District Ranger John Thornton the authority to sign any and all written authorizations for entry into the closed area. In the event that Mr. Thornton is unavailable, I hereby grant the authority to sign any and all written authorizations for entry into the closed area to the individual designated by Mr. Thornton as Acting District Ranger for only the period of Mr. Thornton's absence.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d) (1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

Discussions were conducted internally with safety specialist, incident commander, the incident resource advisors, John Thornton, District Ranger, Bobbie Garcia, Forest Fire Management Officer; Sonja Bergdahl, Forest Public Services Officer, Sherry Rollman, Forest Public Affairs Officer, Daniel Lovato, Deputy Forest Supervisor, and Dan Briot, Law Enforcement Patrol Captain. Scoping was conducted externally with Los Angeles County Sheriff, Los Angeles County Fire, SoCAL Edison and CALTRANS.

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-  Cabin Fire Closure Area
-  Cabin Fire Perimeter
-  Closed Road